

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A method comprising the steps:
creating a first job ticket describing print instructions applicable to a print source file;
creating at least one additional job ticket describing different print instructions applicable to the print source file;
altering at least one page in the print source file;
updating the job tickets applicable to the print source file in response to altering at least one page in the print source file; and
storing each job ticket.
2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the operation of creating at least one additional job ticket comprises creating a plurality of additional job tickets.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the operations of creating the first job ticket and the at least one additional job ticket are performed using a visual job ticketing application.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein altering the print source file comprises moving, inserting or deleting at least one page in the print source file, and wherein updating the job tickets comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the at least one additional job ticket to account for the alteration of the print source file.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein altering the print source file comprises moving, inserting or deleting at least one page in the print source file, and wherein updating the job tickets comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the plurality of additional job tickets to account for the alteration of the print source file.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the operation of storing each job ticket comprises storing an indication of which job ticket was last active with respect to the print source file.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the print source file comprises a first print source file, wherein altering the at least one page in the first print source file comprises importing at least one page from a second print source file into the first print source file, and further comprising:

receiving selection to retain the print characteristics of the at least one imported page as defined in a job ticket associated with the second print source file;

wherein updating the job tickets applicable to the first print source file comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the at least one additional job ticket applicable to the first print source file to account for the at least one imported page.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the print source file comprises a first print source file, wherein altering the at least one page in the first print source file comprises importing at least one page from a second print source file into the first print source file, and further comprising:

receiving selection to retain the print characteristics of the at least one imported page as defined in a job ticket associated with the second print source file;

wherein updating the job tickets ~~[[application]]~~ applicable to the first print source file comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the plurality of additional job tickets applicable to the first print source file to account for the at least one imported page.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the print source file comprises a first print source file, wherein altering the at least one page in the first print source file comprises importing at least one page from a second print source file into the first print source file;

receiving selection to assign a default set of print characteristics to the at least one imported page corresponding to a set of document-wide print characteristics defined in a currently active job ticket associated with the first print source file;

wherein updating the job tickets [[application]] applicable to the first print source file comprises amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the at least one additional job ticket applicable to the first print source file to account for the at least one imported page.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the print source file comprises a first print source file, wherein altering the at least one page in the first print source file comprises importing at least one page from a second print job into the first print job;

receiving selection to assign a default set of print characteristics to the at least one imported page corresponding to a set of document-wide print characteristics defined in a currently active job ticket associated with the first print source file;

wherein updating the job tickets [[application]] applicable to the first print source file comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the plurality of job tickets applicable to the first print source file to account for the at least one imported page.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the operation of creating at least one additional job ticket comprises:

receiving selection of one of a set of selections comprising: loading a blank job ticket as an active job ticket applicable to the print source file; loading a selected, previously-created job ticket as the active job ticket; retaining the first job ticket as the active job ticket; and loading a default job ticket as the active job ticket; and

editing the print characteristics of the active job ticket to create the at least one additional job ticket.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the editing operation is performed using a visual ticketing application to cause the display of the print source file using visual cues indicating the print characteristics denoted by the active job ticket, as edited.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the operation of creating a plurality of additional job tickets comprises, for each additional job ticket:

receiving selection of one of a set of selections comprising: loading a blank job ticket as an active job ticket applicable to the print source file; loading a selected, previously-created job ticket as the active job ticket; retaining the previous job ticket as the active job ticket; and loading a default job ticket as the active job ticket; and

editing the print characteristics of the active job ticket to create the additional job ticket.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the editing operation is performed using a visual ticketing application to cause the display of the [[the]] print source file using visual cues indicating the print characteristics denoted by the active job ticket, as edited.

15. (Previously Presented) Apparatus comprising:
an information handling system having a processor, memory and a display; and
an end user interface program instructions stored accessibly to the information handling system and effective when executing on said processor to access a print source file which is stored accessibly to the information handling system and which defines a document to be printed and is adapted to:

enable an operator of the information handling system to create a first job ticket describing print instructions applicable to the print source file;

enable the operator of the information handling system to create at least one additional job ticket describing different print instructions applicable to the print source file;

enable the operator to alter at least one page in the print source file;

update the job tickets applicable to the print source file in response to the operator altering at least one page in the print source file; and
store each job ticket accessibly to the information handling system.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said user interface program instructions are effective when executing on said processor to enable the operator of the information handling system to create a plurality of additional job tickets applicable to the print source file.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said user interface program instructions are effective when executing on said processor to implement a visual ticketing application to enable the operator of the information handling system to create job tickets applicable to the print source file.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator to alter the print source file by moving, deleting or inserting at least one page in the print source file, and wherein updating the job tickets comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the at least one additional job ticket to account for the alteration of the print source file.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator to alter the print source file by moving, deleting or inserting at least one page in the print source file, and wherein updating the job tickets comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the plurality of additional job tickets to account for the alteration of the print source file.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said user interface program instructions are further adapted to store each job ticket with an indication of which job ticket was last active with respect to the print source file.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the print source file comprises a first print source file, wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator to alter the at least one page in the print source file by importing at least one page from a second print source file into the first print source file and by choosing to retain the print of the at least one imported page as defined in a job ticket associated with the second print source file, and wherein updating the job tickets comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the at least one additional job ticket to account for the at least one imported page.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the print source file comprises a first print source file, wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator to alter the at least one page in the print source file by importing at least one page from a second print source file into the first print source file and by choosing to retain the print of the at least one imported page as defined in a job ticket associated with the second print source file, and wherein updating the job tickets comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the plurality of additional job tickets to account for the at least one imported page.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the print source file comprises a first print source file, wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator to alter the at least one page in the print source file by importing at least one page from a second print source file into the first print source file and by choosing to assign a default set of print characteristics to the at least one imported page corresponding to a set of document-wide print characteristics defined in a currently active job ticket associated with the first print source file, and wherein updating the job tickets comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the at least one additional job ticket appropriately to account for the at least one imported page.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the print source file comprises a first print source file, wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator to alter the at least one page in the print source file by importing at least one page from

a second print source file into the first print source file and by choosing to assign a default set of print characteristics to the at least one imported page corresponding to a set of document-wide print characteristics defined in a currently active job ticket associated with the first print source file, and wherein updating the job tickets comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the plurality of additional job tickets appropriately to account for the at least one imported page.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said user interface program instructions are further adapted to:

enable the operator of the information handling system to create at least one additional job ticket by choosing one of a set of selections comprising: loading a blank job ticket as an active job ticket applicable to the print source file; loading a selected, previously-created job ticket as the active job ticket; retaining the first job ticket as the active job ticket; and loading a default job ticket as the active job ticket; and

enable the operator of the information handling system to edit the print characteristics of the active job ticket to create the at least one additional job ticket.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein said user interface program instructions are further adapted to:

display the print source file by using visual cues indicating the print characteristics denoted by the active job ticket, as edited.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator of the information handling system to create the plurality of additional job tickets by, for each additional job ticket:

choosing one of a set of selections comprising: loading a blank job ticket as an active job ticket; loading a selected, previously-created job ticket as the active job ticket; retaining the first job ticket as the active job ticket; and loading a default job ticket as the active job ticket; and

editing the print characteristics of the active job ticket to create the additional job ticket.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein said user interface program instructions are further adapted to display the print job source file by using visual cues indicating the print characteristics denoted by the active job ticket, as edited.

29. (Previously Presented) A program product comprising:
a computer readable storage medium; and
end user interface program instructions stored on said medium and adapted
when executing on an information handling system to:
access a print source file which is stored accessibly to said information handling
system and which defines a document to be printed;
enable an operator of the information handling system to create a first job ticket
describing print instructions applicable to the print source file;
enable the operator of the information handling system to create at least one
additional job ticket describing different print instructions applicable to the print source
file;
enable the operator to alter at least one page in the print source file;
updating the job tickets applicable to the print source file in response to altering
the at least one page in the print source file;
store each job ticket accessibly to the information handling system.

30. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 29, wherein said user interface program instructions are further adapted to enable the operator of the information handling system to create a plurality of additional job tickets applicable to the print source file.

31. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 29 wherein said user interface program instructions are further adapted to implement a visual ticketing application to enable the operator of the information handling system to create job tickets applicable to the print source file.

32. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 29, wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator of the information handling system to alter the first

print source file by moving, deleting at least one page in the first print source file, wherein updating the job tickets comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the at least one additional job ticket to account for the alteration of the print source file.

33. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 30, wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator to alter the print source file by moving, deleting or inserting at least one page in the print source file, wherein updating the job tickets comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the plurality of additional job tickets to account for the alteration of the print source file.

34. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 29, wherein said user interface program instructions are further adapted to store each job ticket with an indication of which job ticket was last active with respect to the first print job.

35. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 29, wherein the print source file comprises a first print source file, wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator of the information handling system to alter the at least one page in the print source file by importing at least one page from a second print job into the first print job and by choosing to retain the print characteristics of the at least one imported page as defined in the job ticket associated with the second print source file;

wherein updating the job tickets applicable to the first print source file comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the at least one additional job ticket to account for the at least one imported page.

36. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 30, wherein the print source file comprises a first print source file, wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator of the information handling system to alter the at least one page in the print source file by importing at least one page from a second print source file into the first print source file and by choosing to retain the print characteristics of the at least one imported page as defined in a job ticket associated with the second print source file;

wherein updating the job tickets applicable to the first print source file comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the plurality of additional job tickets appropriately to account for the at least one imported page.

37. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 29, wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator to alter the at least one page in the print source file by importing from a second print source file into the first print source file and by choosing to assign a default set of print characteristics to the at least one imported page corresponding to a set of document-wide print characteristics defined in a currently active job ticket associated with the first print job;

wherein updating the job tickets applicable to the first print source file comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the at least one additional job ticket appropriately to account for the at least one imported page.

38. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 30, wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator of the information handling system to alter the at least one page in the print source file by importing at least one page from a second print source file into the first print source file and by choosing to assign a default set of print characteristics to the at least one imported page corresponding to a set of document-wide print characteristics defined in the currently active job ticket associated with the first print job;

wherein updating the job tickets applicable to the first print source file comprises automatically amending the print instructions of the first job ticket and of the plurality of additional job tickets appropriately to account for the at least one imported page.

39. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 29, wherein said user interface program instructions are further adapted to:

enable the operator of the information handling system to create at least one additional job ticket by choosing one of a set of selections comprising: loading a blank job ticket as an active job ticket; loading a selected, previously-created job ticket as the active job ticket;

retaining the first job ticket as the active job ticket; and loading a default job ticket as the active job ticket; and

enable the operator of the information handling system to edit the print characteristics of the active job ticket to create the at least one additional job ticket.

40. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 39, wherein said user interface program instructions are further adapted to implement a visual ticketing application to display the print source file by using visual cues indicating the print characteristics denoted by the active job ticket, as edited.

41. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 30, wherein said user interface program instructions enable the operator of the information handling system to create the plurality of additional job tickets by, for each additional job ticket:

choosing one of a set of selections comprising: loading a blank job ticket as an active job ticket; loading a selected, previously-created job ticket as the active job ticket; retaining the first job ticket as the active job ticket; and loading a default job ticket as the active job ticket; and

enable the operator of the information handling system to edit the print characteristics of the active job ticket to create the additional job ticket.

42. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 41, wherein said user interface program instructions are effective when executing on said information handling system to implement a visual ticketing application to display the print source file using visual cues indicating the print characteristics denoted by the active job ticket, as edited.